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Dahnish Shams  
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CPHEA/CPAD  
Washington, DC

Re: March 2022 Progress Report, Technical Expertise Support on EPA Scientific Issues and Topics

Contract #68HERC19D0011; PR-ORD-20-00642; Task Order #68HERC20F0025

Task 1. Recruitment of Technical Expertise to Support EPA Meetings and Workshops  
Task 2. NAS-Led Meetings and Workshops to Support Assessment Development  
Task 3. Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Document

Dear Mr. Shams:

This progress report for the tasks, referenced above, covers the month of March 2022. Information on project-related activities and expenditures for each task is provided below. Attached for Tasks 2 and 3 are a table of monthly labor costs, cumulative labor costs, total monthly expenditures, cumulative total expenditures, and the percentage of the total potential award spent, and figures showing a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff. National Academies project staff participated in bi-weekly meetings with EPA personnel to discuss progress and plans for upcoming activities.

**Task 1. Recruitment of Technical Expertise to Support EPA Meetings and Workshops:**

There were no expenditures for Task 1 in March. The total expenditures since inception are \$70,363.99.

## Task 2. NAS-Led Meetings and Workshops to Support Assessment Development

The Responsible Staff Officer and other National Academies project staff met with the workshop planning committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss progress and next steps for preparing agendas for the two workshops. Project staff coordinated with both the EPA and National Academies communications teams to facilitate promotion of workshop registration and calls for poster abstracts. Project staff sent invitations to persons identified by the planning committee as potential speakers at the triangulation workshop. Project staff began receiving poster abstracts from outside of EPA for the planning committee to consider for inclusion in the workshop poster session. Project staff received permission from EPA to possibly involve an outside science writer to help write workshop proceedings. The cost of using an outside science writer would be within the current award amount. Project staff developed and distributed requests for proposals to potential science writers. Finally, project staff met with the vendor ePosterBoards to plan the run of show for the poster sessions.

In April, the planning committee will select poster abstracts for inclusion in the triangulation workshop, finalize the triangulation workshop agenda, and complete the draft AI workshop agenda. Project staff will continue making logistical arrangements for the workshops and will start drafting the workshop session run of show document.

### Financial information for March 2022

Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	<b>Ex. 4 CBI</b>
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,068.54</b>

The total expenditures since inception are \$181,205.77.

### Task 3. Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Document

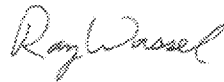
In March, routine administrative activities related to closing out the task were performed.

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Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	Ex. 4 CBI
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,636.65</b>

The total expenditures since inception are \$318,910.58.

Sincerely,

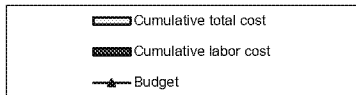


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Task 2 - Workshops for EPA  
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

**Ex. 4 CBI**



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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

Dollars (thousands)

**Ex. 4 CBI**

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~~Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)~~

Dollars spent

**Ex. 4 CBI**

(travel)

⌘ Funds Spent this Period ⌘ Total funds spent to date

Task

Hours

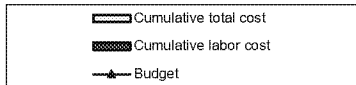
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Task 3 - EPA Tox Review  
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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367.51





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Dollars (thousands)

**Ex. 4 CBI**

Monthly

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Dollars spent

**Ex. 4 CBI**

※ Funds Spent this Period   ※ Total funds spent to date

Task

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Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

■ Hours worked this month

□ Hours worked to date

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